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Sir:

On May 18, 2005, Applicants filed a Reply and Amendment in the above-referenced application. The Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that this Reply and Amendment has now been forwarded to Supervisory Patent Examiner Lillis. Applicants respectfully ask that Supervisory Patent Examiner Lillis (or her designated succeeding examiner) now expedite further examination of this application.

Applicants recognize that Examiner Johnson's retirement appears to have delayed the Office's examination of this application. In view of this circumstance and considering the nearly four-year pendency of this application, Applicants would welcome the opportunity to interview this case as is necessary to facilitate prompt allowance of the elected claims (*i.e.*, Claims 1-41 and 47-60).

That said, Applicants respectfully assert that the aforementioned May 18, 2005, Reply and Amendment fully demonstrates that elected Claims 1-41 and 47-60 are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, Applicants again ask that the Office kindly pass elected Claims 1-41 and 47-60 to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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